

THIS SECTION FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
	PRIMARY	GENERAL	
Ballot Style	_____	_____	ID# _____
Applic. Recd.	_____	_____	Affil. _____
AB Issued	_____	_____	Elect. Dist/Prec. _____
AB Returned	_____	_____	Cong. _____ Leg. _____ Co. _____

**STATE OF MARYLAND  
BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR HARFORD COUNTY**

**APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT**

**Only a registered voter is eligible to apply for an absentee ballot.**

**Once the voter applies for and receives an absentee ballot, the voter *must* vote by absentee ballot and *cannot* vote at the polls.**

FOR THE FOLLOWING ELECTION: \_\_\_\_\_ PRIMARY Election \_\_\_\_\_ GENERAL Election \_\_\_\_\_ ALL as permitted

PRINT NAME AS REGISTERED:

Last Name		First Name	Middle
No./Street		Town	Zip
Date of Birth		Party Affiliation	Phone No.

**MAILING ADDRESS – IF DIFFERENT:** Provide the mailing address at which mail reaches you most promptly. Include rank and serial number if this is a military address. If this address changes prior to any election, you must notify the election office to assure receipt of your ballot.

**Primary Election Ballot:** \_\_\_\_\_

**General Election Ballot:** \_\_\_\_\_

To qualify for an absentee ballot, you must certify by your signature that one or more of the following statements is or will be true. I am unable to go to the polls, because on election day ....

1. I may be absent from my county of registration.
2. I am suffering from an accident, illness, or physical disability.
3. I am confined in or restricted to an institution.
4. I am attending to a death or serious illness in my family.
5. I have academic obligations at an institute of higher education outside my precinct, but within my county of registration.
6. I am employed by the Board of Elections and must be absent from the precinct in which I am registered.
7. I am age 65 or older and my polling place is inaccessible.

**Signature of voter** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**DESIGNATION OF AGENT BY VOTER:** A voter not able to apply for an absentee ballot personally may designate an agent to act on the voter's behalf by completing a Designation of Agent Form that is available by calling the Harford County Board of Elections at 410-638-3565.

**WARNING:** Any person who is convicted of violating the absentee voting law is subject to a fine of up to \$1,000, to imprisonment for up to 2 years, or both. (Article 33, Sect. 9-312)

**FOR PERSONS ASSISTING THE VOTER IN COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION,  
COMPLETE AFFIDAVIT ON REVERSE SIDE.**

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT

### DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF COMPLETED APPLICATION

The deadline for the Harford County Board of Elections to receive this completed application by mail is 4:30 p.m. on the Tuesday before the election (Primary Election = September 3; General Election = October 29). The deadline to receive this completed application by fax is 11:59 p.m. on the Tuesday before the election (Primary Election = September 3; General Election = October 29). An application made after the deadline must be made in person at the Harford County Board of Elections office, using the Late Absentee Ballot Application form.

### HOW TO VOTE ABSENTEE

- Complete this application and return it to the Harford County Board of Elections.
- When we have received the completed application, and if we determine that the applicant is qualified, we will issue an absentee ballot, either by mail or in person.
- Mark the ballot and return it to the Harford County Board of Elections.

### DESIGNATION OF AGENT TO PICK UP AND DELIVER ABSENTEE BALLOT

A qualified applicant may, by completing a Designation of Agent form provided by the Harford County Board of Elections, designate an agent to pick up and deliver an absentee ballot. The agent must be at least 18 years old and not a candidate on the ballot. The agent must sign an affidavit, under penalty of perjury, that the ballot was delivered to the applicant, marked by the applicant and sealed in an envelope in the agent's presence, and then returned in person to the Harford County Board of Elections office by the agent.

### ASSISTANCE WITH THIS APPLICATION OR IN MARKING BALLOT

A voter who requires assistance completing this application or casting an absentee ballot (by reason of disability or inability to read or write) may be assisted by any person other than a candidate on the ballot, the voter's employer or an agent of the employer, or an officer or agent of the voter's union. The person assisting the voter must execute and submit the affidavit at the foot of this page or the certification form contained in the absentee ballot package.

### DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ABSENTEE BALLOT

Except as provided in the following two paragraphs, any absentee ballot, whether mailed or hand-delivered, is timely if it reaches the election office by 8 P.M. on Election Day (Primary Election = September 10; General Election = November 5). **An absentee ballot may not be faxed.**

#### Domestic Ballots Received By Mail after Election Day

Any ballot received by mail is timely if it arrives by 4 P.M. on the Wednesday after Election Day (Primary Election = September 11; General Election = November 6), and if the U.S. Postal Service has affixed a postmark on the envelope verifying that the ballot was mailed before Election Day. If the postmark is illegible, the voter's affidavit on the ballot envelope, indicating that the ballot was completed and mailed before Election Day, is sufficient.

#### Overseas Ballots Received by Mail after Election Day

Any ballot received by mail from outside the United States is timely if it arrives:

- 1) by 10 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday after a Gubernatorial Primary Election; or
- 2) by 4 p.m. on the 2nd Friday after all other elections; and
- 3) if the U.S. Postal Service, an Army post office, a fleet post office or the postal service of any other country has affixed a postmark on the envelope verifying that the ballot was mailed before election day. If the postal service of the place from which the ballot was mailed does not provide a postmark, or if the postmark is illegible, the voter's affidavit on the ballot envelope, indicating that the ballot was completed and mailed before election day, is sufficient.

LARGE TYPE APPLICATION AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

DELIVER APPLICATION TO:  
Harford County Board of Elections  
18 Office Street  
Bel Air, MD 21014

AFFIDAVIT

Name and signature of person who assists voter in filling out this application:

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_